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SUBJECT: US FISHERY OFF FRENCH GUIANA

REF: A. EC BRUSSELS 7167, B. EC BRUSSELS 7531

1. DEPT ACCEPTS PROCEDURE OUTLINED PARA 3 REF B FOR TRANSMISSION OF APPLICATION INFORMATION TO EC. INFORMATION REGARDING U.S. VESSELS IS PRESENTLY BEING GATHERED BY DEPT COMMERCE, AND WE HOPE TO FORWARD COMPLETE INFORMATION TO MISSION BY AUGUST 1. WE WOULD EXPECT NO ENFORCEMENT ACTION BY FRENCH OR EC BEFORE WE HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE U.S. APPLICATIONS PROCESSED.

2. DEPT AGREES WITH MISSION ASSESSMENT THAT IT IS NOT APPROPRIATE TO RAISE QUESTION OF METHOD OF ENFORCEMENT OF

85 VESSEL LIMITATION WITH EC AT THIS TIME.

3. DEPT BELIEVES THAT A SUCCESSFUL LONG-TERM ARRANGEMENT VERING THE WATERS OFF FRENCH GUIANA MUST TAKE INTO OUNT SCIENTIFIC FACTORS SUCH AS CONDITION AND NATURE OF SHRIMP STOCKS. MISSION IS THEREFORE REQUESTED TO PURSUE ITS INITIATIVE WITH MARCUSSEN AND TO ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE FOR SCIENTIFIC CONSULTATIONS.

4. CURRENT THINKING HERE IS THAT ANY AGREEMENT ON SHRIMP-ING IN THE AREA SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. CONTINUATION OF TRADITIONAL FISHING BY U.S. VESSELS UNLESS THE CONDITION OF SHRIMP STOCKS WARRANTS A REDUCTION IN FISHING EFFORT OR LOCAL OR EC SHRIMPING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACTIVITY IN AREA INCREASES.

B. A REGIONAL ARRANGEMENT TO INSURE THAT VESSELS BASED IN FRENCH GUIANA WOULD NOT BE SHUT OUT OF FISHING OFF SURINAM, GUYANA, BRAZIL, AND OTHER AREAS.

C. ARRANGEMENT SHOULD ALSO ALLOW REASONABLE ACCESS BY VESSELS BASED IN OTHER AREAS TO SHRIMP RESOURCE OFF FRENCH GUIANA. EC FAILURE TO DO THIS WOULD LIKELY LEAD TO DESTRUCTIVE COMPETITION AMONG COUNTRIES IN THE AREA. SHOULD EACH COUNTRY RESTRICT ACCESS TO SHRIMP

OFF ITS COAST TO VESSELS BASED IN ITS PORTS, ECONOMICAL OPERATION OF VESSELS WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE FROM ANY PORT BECAUSE OF NATURE OF SHRIMP FISHERY AND RESOURCE.

D. REGIONAL ARRANGEMENT COULD BE A CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION WHICH INCLUDES ALL COASTAL AND FISHING COUNTRIES IN AREA. PARTICIPATION OF BRAZIL WOULD BE DESIRABLE BUT REGIONAL ARRANGEMENT WOULD STILL BE VERY USEFUL AND APPROPRIATE EVEN IF BRAZIL DECLINED TO PARTICIPATE.

5. IT IS CLEAR FROM POINTS OUTLINED ABOVE THAT
WE BELIEVE A REGIONAL ARRANGEMENT TO CONSERVE AND MANAGE
SHRIMP STOCKS IN AREA WOULD BE OPTIMAL ARRANGEMENT.
GUYANA AND SURINAM ARE ABOUT TO ESTABLISH 200 MILE FISHERY
ZONES AND SOON ALL NATIONS IN AREA WILL BE CONTROLLING
FISHING OUT TO 200 MILES. IF EACH COUNTRY SHRIMPING IN
AREA IS FORCED TO NEGOTIATE BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH
ALL COUNTRIES OFF WHICH THEY FISH UP TO 20 SEPARATE AGREE-
MENTS MAY BE REQUIRED WHICH MIGHT WELL BE CONFLICTING.
CONSERVATION OF COMMON SHRIMP RESOURCE WOULD NOT BE
ASSURED, AND WITHOUT SOME COORDINATION, ECONOMIC D-
LOCATIONS TO BOTH FISHING COUNTRIES AND COASTAL STATES IN
AREA COULD OCCUR. IN A WORD, SUCH A PIECEMEAL APPROACH
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DOES NOT MAKE SENSE AND DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE IN ANYONES
INTEREST. THUS A REGIONAL ARRANGEMENT DISCUSSED EARLIER
BY EC OFFICIALS APPEARS CLEARLY TO BE BEST APPROACH.
MISSION SHOULD INFORMALLY SOLICIT EC VIEWS ON POSSIBILITY
OF A REGIONAL ARRANGEMENT RATHER THAN BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

AS SOLUTION TO ISSUES REGARDING SHRIMPING IN AREA RAISED
BY 200 MILE FISHERY JURISDICTIONS. VANCE

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